



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day

WHEREAS, April 26, 2013 marks the one hundred twenty-sixth anniversary of the observance of Arbor Day in Rhode Island which was set aside to commemorate the growing, protecting, and maintaining of trees; and

WHEREAS, our countryside is blessed with a plentiful number and variety of trees – beautifying our landscape, adding a touch of nature to our cities and towns, providing a locale where people can find wholesome recreation, and serving as one of the major building blocks in the development of this nation; and

WHEREAS, our forests and our trees provide us with food to eat, yield paper for the books from which we obtain and share great knowledge, and produce materials from which we build our homes as well as provide us with thousands of other useful products; and

WHEREAS, our forests are the origin of our clear, clean drinking water, serve to purify our air, and hold intact the precious topsoil of our land; and

WHEREAS, we would not enjoy the quiet solitude of the forest glen or the joyous setting of a family picnic were it not for trees; and

WHEREAS, trees are the mightiest creation of the plant kingdom and we should be conscious every day of the year of the vital need to conserve and use wisely this wonderful, renewable resource; and

WHEREAS, it is our duty to plant and maintain trees for future generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2013 as Arbor Day in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.




A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 23RD day of April, 2013


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor